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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HABITAT CENTER

NAIROBI FOR PERMREP FRISBEE

1. UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL AT NAIROBI MEETING ECHOED THE HABITAT COMMISSION'S CALL FOR THE SYG TO SPEEDILY NAME AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HABITAT CENTER. ALMOST TWO MONTHS HAVE LAPSED SINCE THE THEN ECOSOC SECRETARY DIEGO CORDOVEZ ON APRIL 3 CONVEYED THE SYG'S GREETINGS TO THE COMMISSION'S FIRST MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH ASSURANCES THAT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOULD BE NAMED SHORTLY.

2. DEPARTMENT ON MAY 25 CALLED BARRY LIPSETT OF THE CANADIAN MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS (ROBERT MUNRO WAS NOT AVAILABLE) TO ELICIT HIS VIEWS ON THE MAC NEILL CANDIDACY. LIPSETT STATED GOC IS CONTINUING TO PRESS MAC NEILL'S CANDIDACY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS BUT WITHOUT EVIDENT SUCCESS. LIPSETT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MAC NEILL ALSO HAS

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INDICATED INTEREST IN A HIGH POSITION IN THE OECD (VICE RODERICK) AND THIS MAY BE UNDERMINING HIS HABITAT CANDIDACY. WE STATED USG HAD MADE SEVERAL APPROACHES IN SUPPORT OF MAC NEILL OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS AND HAD NOT WAIVERED IN THIS REGARD.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION IS REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE

FISHING EXPEDITION, PREFERABLY WITH SYG OR USYG DAVIDSON,
TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE SYG'S DECISION ON THE NOMINATION,
RECALLING CORDOVEZ' APRIL MESSAGE AND UNDERSCORING THAT
THE MEDIUM TERM PLAN OF THE NEW CENTER IS NOW BEING
PREPARED, THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NAME THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR LEST THE ORGANIZATION, NOW RUDDERLESS, CONTINUE
DRIFTING. VANCE

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